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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/RESEARCH PROJECT ON PRIMATES BY

DR. WOLFGANG P.J. DITTUS

1. NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, HAS RECEIVED GRANT FROM NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR THREE YEAR RESEARCH PROJECT ON PRIMATES IN SRI LANKA. DR. WOLFGANG P.J. DITTUS, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT NATIONAL ZOO, IS DESIGNATED AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, WITH DR. HILARY CRUSZ AT PERADENIYA AS CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR. NSF GRANT IS NEW AND IS DOLLAR-FUNDED.

2. DITTUS FORMERLY IN SRI LANKA SEPTEMBER 1968 TO JANUARY 1972 IN CONNECTION WITH PRIMATE PROJECT OF DR. JOHN EISENBERG (SMITHSONIAN GRANT SFG-0-3552). NEW RESEARCH IS CONTINUATION OF EISENBERG'S WORK. DITTUS VISITED SRI LANKA MARCH-APRIL 1975 UNDER NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GRANT.

3. DITTUS SENT CONSUL RICHARD LIVINGSTON JULY 27 COPY OF PROPOSAL WITH EXPLANATORY LETTER REQUESTING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. DR. UNCLASSIFIED

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CRUSZ LIKEWISE TO SEEK GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.

4. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ALSO REQUESTED BY DITTUS IN OBTAINING
WAIVER OF IMPORT DUTIES ON MICROBUS FOR USE IN PROJECT.

5. IF SRI LANKA APPROVAL RECEIVED IN TIME, DITTUS HOPES
BEGIN RESEARCH IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

6. DITTUS IS CITIZEN OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.
HIS WIFE, WHO PLANS ACCOMPANY HIM, IS AMERICAN CITIZEN.

7. SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANTS AND ADVISE
THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING DR. DITTUS PROJECT. HABIB

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